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Application No. : 09/678,783  
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Title : METHOD OF DETERMINING THE ROUTE OF  
PACKETS THROUGH A NETWORK OF  
COMMUNICATING OBJECTS  
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**RESPONSE & AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated March 3, 2005. Applicant submits herewith a Request for Continued Examination. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Application and entry of the Amendment stating as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.